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REPORT MADE AT LOS ANGELES	DATE WHEN MADE 4/10/43	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1/19-4/10/43	REPORT MADE BY JOHN R. VIGAN
TITLE HERBERT JEROME BERNHARD, et al			CHARACTER OF CASE INTERNAL SECURITY - R CUSTODIAL DETENTION
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: <p>JOHN HERBIE LAMSON conferred and attended Communist meetings with ALEXANDER TRAKHTENBERG, national of official 2/7-3/43. [Received letter from CHARLES ALBERT PAGE, cultural attaché, in Embassy, Uruguay, advising results of elections and condition of political prisoners in Brazil.] LAMSON now instructor Los Angeles Communist Workers School, Spring term, 1943. He contributed to special Hollywood issue, People's World, 3/27/43 and collaborated on script for motion picture re. activities of National Maritime Union, which picture brought high praise from People's World. LAMSON observed at meeting with PAUL CUMMINGS, CARL WINTER, MAX MILLER, and LOREN CHAMBERLAIN. HERBERT BERNHARD has delivered 3 public addresses on Russia and appears to be coming out in the open now. He is active in leadership (though not an official) of Hollywood Democratic Committee, which appears to be recent front organization in Hollywood. Informant believes BERNHARD active in CP recruiting campaign in Los Angeles. [BERNHARD visited New York while in East on death of his brother-in-law, MANHATTAN LAMSON.] Contacts and meetings of subjects not forth. Bank accounts monitored. [Call cover not forth.] LAMSON deposited \$3000 to account in February, 1943. Unable to trace source of same.</p>			
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THE LOS ANGELES FIELD DIVISION

SAC Los Angeles, California, will maintain contact with CNDI LA 78 for bank checks on Subjects, and also for check on entrance of BIRNBAUM'S safe deposit box at this bank, #320.

Will develop informant in LANSOM neighborhood for continuous surveillance, it being noted that MARTHA and RICHARD HAY (employed at LOCKHEED AIRCRAFT CORPORATION) 1521 Coldwater Canyon Avenue, reside in a good location and one which we have previously used to advantage.

Will watch possibility of developing informant in the BIRNBAUM neighborhood, it being noted the home of E. B. LITKINSON may be vacated soon. Others in vicinity are friends of Subject.

Will conduct inquiries about BILLIE EKEL, in care of LILLIAN EKEL'S TRM ROOM, 345 East Seventh Street, Long Beach, California (telephone Long Beach 6-4095).

Will contact the appropriate officers of the U. S. CRANE COMPANY, 310 South Spring Street, to ascertain the identity and Communistic tendencies of H. A. BARTZ.

Will ascertain Subject BIRNBAUM'S activities prior to his leadership in the American Peace Mobilization through CNDI LA 1138.

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Confidential Source A:

A confidential source who made photographic copies of materials in the possession of ALHAMBRA available to Special Agent in Charge, JACK D. SMITH, and reporting Agent on February 9, 1963. (See Los Angeles File 100-16739)

Confidential Source B:

Confidential National Defense Informant L.A. 153

Confidential Source C:

Confidential National Defense Informant L.A. 1118

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